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EMS Operations Subcommittee

3760 South Highland Office, 3rd Floor Auditorium

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members:	Rand Andrus, Tracy Braithwaite, Mark Bair, MD, Chad Tucker, Ron Johnson, Brent Mabey, MD, Debby Peterson, Shelley Peterson, Lauara Snyder, , Marc West, Deanna Wolf, and Dennis Wyman, MD
Excused:	Russ Malone, Eric Swanson, MD, Rod “Hoss” Tomkinson, Garth White
Guests:	Ross, Fawls, John Miller
Staff:	Jenny Allred, Anna Beers, Dan Camp, Guy Dansie, Raul Garcia, Joshua Legler, Allan Liu, and Peter Taillac, MD
Presiding:	Chad Tucker

Agenda Topic	<u>Action Items:</u>	Action
Approval of Past Meeting Minutes	Chad Tucker asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the minutes. He asked for a motion for the approval of the last meeting minutes.	The previous meeting minutes of March 9, 2011 were approved by Deanna Wolf and seconded by Marc West. All present committee members voted. None opposed. No one abstained. Motion carried.
Definitions for “Standby” Related to Special Events	<p>Lauara Snyder reported that per the direction of the EMS Committee and a task force was formed. On February 14th and March 8th, the task workgroup met for a discussion of the language change in Section R426-14-500(4), regarding aid agreements which states the “...ground ambulance licensee must provide all ambulance service, including standby services, for any special event that requires ground ambulance service within its geographic service area”. Standby ambulance rules for special events have been reviewed by a task workgroup.</p> <p>She presented the General Definitions for “Standby” related to Special Events or Activities to be integrated into R426-11-2. Means the presence of one or more Emergency Medical Service Providers as determined by the event or activity Operator and the local licensed emergency medical service agency Director(s) based on the needs of the event or activity. May also include the pre-deployment of one or more ambulances staffed at the level of the local licensed emergency medical services provider based on need established the Operator and the agency Director.</p> <p>The Bureau of EMS and Preparedness was directed by the EMS Committee to send a survey regarding special event coverage in service areas by use of survey monkey.</p>	Rand Andrus made a motion to adopt the definitions for “Standby” related to Special Events as written. Ron Johnson seconded the motion. All present committee members voted. None opposed. No one abstained. Motion carried

Draft Rule for the Equipment List	<p>Dr. Peter Taillac discussed the draft rule for the equipment list. Discussed the reasons why there is a need for new changes since Utah standards are moving to the National level. The adoption of the American Heart Association standards involves the local medical control, by which the certification level is given the choice as to whether or not the bureau, the agency, and medical control will decide to add the drug to the list.</p> <p>Dr. Mark Bair recommended adding becuronium to the optional paramedic level list for hypothermia treatment to return spontaneous circulation after intubation.</p> <p>There was discussion regarding the required equipment for a portable Jump Kit on the optional list.</p> <p>Dr. Brent Mabey made a recommendation to add anesthetic eye drops for the Morgan Lens.</p> <p>There was a recommendation to add Cricothryotomy kit.</p>	Deanna Wolf made a motion to adopt the rule for the equipment list with the revised changes. Rand Andrus seconded the motion. All present committee members voted. None opposed. No one abstained. Motion carried
	<u>Information Items:</u>	
Governor's Rule Review Update	We are in the process of revising rules and condensing eleven rule titles into five insuring consistency and eliminate redundancy. The Bureau of EMS and Preparedness is forming a task force to review rules of operations, and licensing.	
First Responder Issues for Operations/ Agencies	The Bureau of EMS and Preparedness would like to review the impact on how it will affect the agencies. They will be forming a rule review task force to determine if policies and rules need revised.	
National Certification Issues Update	<p>The Professional Development has a committee assigned to focus on this transition phase and is using the Gap Analysis as a guideline. The committee is developing timelines and certification standards. The operations and agency licensing also needs to be reviewed by a task force for revisions.</p> <p>The following people volunteered to on the task force: Lauara Snyder, Tracy Braithwaite, and Marc West.</p>	
Mental Health Patient Transport	<p>The method of transportation for mental health crisis patients has been a conflict in the past. The issue arose as to whether it is the responsibility of EMS or law enforcement to transport these patients. Since education on this matter would be most useful, there was the recommendation made for training from POST to gain a greater understanding between agencies.</p> <p>The State EMS Committee has directed us to collect data on mental health transports in order to improve our system by sending out a survey use of survey monkey.</p> <p>Dr. Mark Bair volunteered to share with the subcommittee Utah</p>	

	County EMS System protocols on restraint/transport of patients.	
Ambulance Rates and EMS Grants Update	<p>Allan Liu provided an update on the Ambulance Rates and EMS Grants. The rule changes are to revise published ground ambulance rates and charges (from 2006) to reflect the new July 2011 rates. It is estimated that the rule will be in effect July 22. The Bureau of EMS will notify all EMS Agencies when the rule changes will be in effect.</p> <p>The subcommittee made a recommendation to increase the Paramedic On Board Reimbursement Rate the same percentage as the paramedic transport.</p>	
NEMSIS 3 Data Element Workgroup	<p>Utah is preparing to move to the next version of the national EMS patient care reporting data standard over the next few years. We will be moving from NEMSIS version 2 to version 3.</p> <p>The EMS Committee is responsible for deciding which data elements EMS agencies are required to submit to the state. The EMS Committee is forming a temporary workgroup to accomplish that. The workgroup will meet several times in 2011-2012 to review the list of NEMSIS 3 data elements and make a recommendation to the EMS Committee regarding which elements should be collected statewide. The workgroup should be composed of a wide representation of EMS agency personnel, dispatch, hospital, research, and public health personnel. The EMS Committee is seeking volunteers to participate in the workgroup.</p>	
Pre-hospital Data Conference 9/8/2011	<p>The 5th Annual Prehospital Data Conference is scheduled on Thursday, September 8, 2011, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Salt Lake Community College, Miller Conference Center, Sandy, UT. The prehospital data conference is an annual conference designed for EMS agencies, hospitals, billers, and software vendors who are involved with creating or using prehospital data (regardless of whether they directly use POLARIS or a commercial product).</p> <p>For more information and online registration: http://health.utah.gov/ems/conferences/prehospital_data/ or contact Joshua Legler, Data Manager, 801-273-6668, jlegler@utah.gov.</p>	
2011 Leadership Conference	<p>Guy Dansie announced that last year the Bureau of EMS received flex grant monies from Health and Human Services to conduct EMS assessments. The Bureau of EMS performed four EMS assessments with agencies involved with critical access hospitals. From the summary of the assessment results, we compiled an agenda for the rural EMS director's conference that will be held on August 9 – 11, 2011 in Torrey, Utah. Only rural EMS directors, rural dispatch agencies and rural hospital representatives will be invited to attend.</p>	

	Registration will be available on U-Train by June 15, 2011 - further information will be sent out regarding registration.	
Bureau Recognition for Public Lifesaving Efforts	When a citizen or a non-medical person performs a life saving measure, notify the Bureau of EMS and Preparedness so we can give recognition to these people for their efforts.	
Other Items for Discussion and Upcoming Events	Deanna Wolf announced the 7 th Annual 2011 Utah Trauma Conference, August 19, 2011, at the University of Utah Officer's Club.	
End of Meeting	The next meeting is Wednesday, September 14, 2011 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Highland Building, 3 rd Floor Auditorium located at 3760 S. Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84106.	Rand Andrus made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Mark Bair seconded the motion. All present committee members voted yes. None opposed. No one abstained. Motion carried.